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SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC SCREENING EQUIPMENT

AT VIENNA AIRPORT

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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, PASSENGER AND HAND LUGGAGE SCREENING AT VIENNA'S SCHWECHAT AIRPORT WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY HAND SEARCH AND HAND-HELD DETECTORS. FOLLOWING HI-JACK OF LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT IN OCTOBER, SECURITY PROCEDURES AT AIRPORT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED. TWA OFFER TO VIENNA AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF FREE USE OF FS-1 SENTRIE (DOORWAY-TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY INTEX, INC.) METAL DETECTION SYSTEM (SEE REFTEL) WAS ACCEPTED. UNIT IS NOW IN OPERATION. WHENEVER POSSIBLE ALL DEPARTING PASSENGERS ARE PROCESSED THROUGH THIS SYSTEM. DURING PEAK TRAVEL PERIODS, A RESERVE SECURITY LINE IS ALSO IN OPERATION USING HAND-HELD METAL DETECTORS.

2. EXIT GATES 1 AND 2, PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS PASSENGERS (WHO WERE EXEMPT FROM REGULAR SECURITY UNCLASSIFIED

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CHECKS), HAVE BEEN CLOSED. ALL CHARTER PASSENGERS MUST NOW PASS THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC DOORWAY.

3. ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN: A) ALL OBSERVATION DECKS AT THE AIRPORT HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. B) POLICE HELICOPTERS OVERFLY THE AIRPORT DURING APPROACH AND TAKE-OFF BY LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT.

4. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAS INFORMED AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVE BOARD THAT MINISTRY INTENDS TO BUY TWO MAGNETOMETERS AND TWO X-RAY MACHINES FOR AIRPORT USE. BORG

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